

## PRESIDENT MAY SIT FOR HIS PORTRAIT

Ohio Society Wants Painting Made by Wilhelm Funk.

By SELENE ARMSTRONG.

No more spectrums in the immediate future for President Taft!

The nine hundred and ninety-nine patriotic societies, the college clubs, mothers' congresses, and various other organizations which cannot hold a meeting or rather around a banquet board without a speech and a smile from the President shall see him no more—for a few weeks, at least. That is, if the Ohio Society, of which President Taft is a member, succeeds in getting him to sit for a portrait by Wilhelm Funk, the painter, who is now in Washington.

When the subject of owning a portrait of the first Ohioan of their number first presented itself to the society the matter seemed easy enough. Here was the President, and here was the artist.

Certainly the Ohio Society would own a portrait of President Taft.

Then some member with presence of mind recalled the fact that the President was a busy man. Did he not have to stand at the helm of the nation, and was he not at that very moment in New York making an address? So the matter cannot be decided until the President's return. As soon as he is back in Washington several members of the Ohio Society will call at the White House to ask if he cannot arrange to find time to give Mr. Funk some sittings for a portrait.

"Super!" That word expresses the verdict of amateurs and connoisseurs alike who enter the hemicycle at the Corcoran Gallery this week. It is a tribute of enthusiasm compelled by the vital and radiant presence of the men, women and children who look out from those remarkable canvases painted by Wilhelm Funk, and now on exhibition at the Corcoran.

Among the spectators who stood before them yesterday only one man was silent. From one picture to another he moved slowly, studying each portrait so critically that the enthusiast resented his presence. Now and then picture lovers stared curiously at the stranger, who was aware of the attention attracted by his powerful physique and foreign appearance. Ever intent on the portraits he made the rounds of the hemicycle slowly several times. Suddenly a triumphant smile illuminated the strong features of the man's face.

"I have no excuse to offer for them," he said aloud. "It was no less a person than Wilhelm Funk, who spoke. Like others, he was witnessing an exhibition of his portraits for the first time."

"I have never been able to get them together before," he told me. "Several were exhibited last year at the Kroedler and other galleries in New York, but this is the first time in my career that a real exhibition of my portraits has been seen."

Washington, then, is the first city in which is exhibited a collection of the

## PORTRAITS FROM FUNK COLLECTION AT CORCORAN ART GALLERY



Little Miss Dorothy Gould Daughter of Frank Gould

paintings of Wilhelm Funk that is in any sense representative or complete.

"That portrait," said Mr. Funk, pointing to the painting of Mrs. Ernest Wiltsee and her little son, "I have the right to exhibit for two years before it becomes the permanent property of the Wiltsee family."

The picture, which created a sensation when exhibited in New York, represents the famous young beauty, Mrs. Wiltsee, sitting in a window seat, her little son lying by her side, his head pillowed on her lap.

One portrait which has been admired, is entitled "Jeanne." The model for this was Miss Jeanne Fowler, the young Kentucky actress, who is playing this week at the Academy of Music in "Three Weeks."

Other portraits shown are of Mrs. Frank Gould, Mrs. Dandridge Spotswood, considered the most beautiful American woman in London; little Miss Ann Seton, daughter of Ernest Thompson Seton; Gen. Horace Porter; E. A. Ladd, who is now building a million-dollar art gallery as a gift to the city of Toledo, Ohio; Francis Burke Roche, and others which will be of especial interest to Washingtonians.

Mrs. Dandridge Spotswood

Mrs. Jeanne Fowler

### HOME IS RESTORED TO INDIAN WOMAN

By an opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, Belle Frost, a Chickasaw Indian, will receive a patent from the Secretary of the Interior for 150 acres of land adjacent to the town of Mill Creek, Okla.

The court approves the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and Justice Wright, of the Supreme Court, granting a writ of mandamus compelling the patent to issue. The ruling may have an influence on many titles in the old Indian Territory.

Mrs. Frost's home was for many years on part of the tract selected by her. The Dawes commission had recommended that the tract be made part of the town of Mill Creek, but Secretary Hitchcock overruled the recommendation and then reversed his ruling, refusing to issue her a patent.

## MASONIC FUNERAL FOR CHARLES SLOAN

Members of St. John's Lodge Will Accompany Body to Beltsville, Md.

Delegations from the Oldest Inhabitants' Association and from St. John's

Masonic Lodge have been appointed to attend the funeral of Charles G. Sloan. Mr. Sloan died yesterday morning at his residence, 1735 Leontine street, northwest. Services will be held at 11 o'clock Friday morning at the Church of the Epiphany, and the body will be taken to Mr. Sloan's birthplace, Beltsville, Md., and interred in the family lot. The Rev. Charles D. Dudley, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will conduct the ceremonies. Members of the St. John's lodge will accompany the body to Beltsville, and will act as pallbearers.

Mr. Sloan was born in Beltsville, Md., in 1838. He came to Washington, while a young man. He was a member of the Oldest Inhabitants, the Mystic Shrine, Knights Templar, and of St. John's Masonic lodge. He was also one of the most prominent and active members of the Washington Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sloan is survived by his wife and one son, Mark Sloan, a junior member of C. G. Sloan & Co.

### GROCERY STORE ROBBED.

Samuel Kohlen, a grocer, of 331 H street southwest, reported to the police of the Fourth precinct today that his store had been entered between 9 o'clock last night and 1 o'clock this morning with a duplicate key, and a savings bank containing \$15 stolen. Detectives are investigating the case.

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